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THE Fourth of July passed off very unhistorically in Rugby, the one hundred and sixth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence closing, as it opened, in a burst of fire-crackers, with no ill will, or undue triumph displayed, because of doings done in the old days "when George the Third was King." The youngsters of both countries who sat down to the substantial and elegant repast at the Commissary, knew little, and cared less, for the reasons why British tea was once thrown into Boston harbor, so long as plums were to be found in the cake of last Tuesday, while the "children of a larger growth" could congratulate themselves, and each other, upon the grand turn of affairs for the welfare of the world, inaugurated by the old Anglo-American colonists in '76.

We have no particular objection to gunpowder as gunpowder, but when it comes in the form of fire-crackers, from before midnight on to cock-crowing, accompanied by the most fiendish whoops and yells, and all in honor of the "glorious Fourth," we decidedly think the invasion of the few hours "when mortals the sweets of forgetfulness prove" is a "custom" that would be "more honored in the breach than in the observance."

MR. HAIGH has lost his appeal, and the Board of Aid have again maintained their case, and we do not see how it could be otherwise.

Mr. Haigh claimed a contract he held, drawn up and signed by Mr. W. Hastings Hughes on the part of the Board, gave him a claim on the Board, as manager of the Tabard Hotel, up till one day in June last, and that it annulled any previous arrangement or contract entered into by him. On the other hand the Board contended that a prior contract stipulating Mr. Haigh should not touch alcoholic liquors while manager of the hotel, being broken by Mr. Haigh, made null and void all other and later contracts, and terminated Mr. Haigh's management, which was that of an employe, and not of a tenant.

Mr. Haigh determined to "hold the fort," however, and the Board proceeded against him on January 31st, the case resulting in Justice Young ruling Mr. Haigh out of the hotel, on account of a violation of what may be termed the "pledge contract."

Mr. Haigh appealed unto Caesar, which resulted on Thursday, at Wartburg, in the jury giving their verdict for the Board.

The course Mr. Haigh should have pursued was to have gone out of the hotel, and entered a suit against the Board for damages. His chances then of being the upper man in the fight would have been much greater, provided, however the violation of the "pledge contract" did not annul later arrangements, which the court at Wartburg, unfortunately for Mr. Haigh, ruled *did* "make of none effect" subsequent contracts. Mr. Haigh is scarcely to be congratulated upon his legal advisers, nor is anyone to be congratulated upon the extraordinary and unsatisfactory state of the law relating to contracts.

THE long delayed execution of Guiteau was carried out at Washington last week, terminating the career of one of the most despicable of characters, but one who made for himself a big, red mark on the page of criminal political history. There seemed to be no redeeming quality about the man, and if he is not held up as a "dreadful example" by the total depravity theorists, all we can say is, they will miss a grand opportunity of putting into their platform, a strong, new plank.

The notice the assassin received from the newspaper press is, also, a "dreadful example" of a depressed state of moral and mental condition among millions in this country. The press, however, is equally guilty with the class of readers it pandered to please with details of the life, character, and last scenes of the most worthless and contemptible of men. The good and able Garfield has been all but placed in the background, by the bold, and impudent Guiteau, and the newspaper—the vaunted elevator of the people—has been the means of placing him in the foreground.

WE have had a pleasant call from Mr. John V. Shepherd of Bingham township, who has just returned from the land he purchased of Messrs. Allardt & Co., in Fentress County, Tennessee. He showed us some very fine specimens of timothy, clover, potato vines, onions, squashes, strawberries, plants, native grasses, wild flowers, etc., all extremely luxuriant, and equal to anything grown in the north. He states that the new potatoes, which have been in use there several weeks, are in every way equal to the best northern potatoes, and all kinds of garden truck is extremely luxuriant. He saw rye from six to seven feet high, grown on ground just scratched over with a wooden plow. Mr. Shepherd is thoroughly convinced that the soil will produce everything that can be produced in Michigan, not excepting wheat, and will return in the fall with three families of his relatives. —*Morning Tribune, (Port Huron).*

Queen Victoria weighs 200 pounds. —*Lawrenceburg (Tenn.) Press.*

Take one fact: good coal lands in Pennsylvania will bring several hundred dollars per acre, and often sell as high as \$1,000 per acre, while here in the south, just waking up as we are out of a long sleep, good coal lands do not exceed \$20 per acre.

Does anybody believe this state of things is going to continue? How can it continue? Take a fine coal field in Pennsylvania and it is hundreds of miles from iron beds, while here the coal field is often in a few miles of the ore bed. While in the one case the coal is worth several hundred dollars per acre, and in the other (in the neighborhood of the iron) the coal is worth only a few dollars per acre, this is almost a paradox, but true, and coming alone from the fact that we have been an agricultural people, and have never waked up to anything else. —*Daily American.*

WARTBURG.

Morgan County Circuit Court opened here on Monday. The only case of interest to residents of Rugby was the cause of the Board of Aid vs. J. R. Haigh which was an appeal, by Mr. Haigh, to the Circuit Court, of suit of Forcible Detainer of the Hotel Tabard, tried before Andy Young, Esq., at Rugby, on January 31st last. In the absence of Judge Young, who was only able to appear for a few minutes on account of sickness, Judge Sevier was on the bench. Mr. Templeton, and Mr. Henderson, of Knoxville, appeared for the Board of Aid, and Mr. McGuffey, of Chattanooga, and Mr. S. E. Young, of Sweetwater, for Mr. Haigh. The case occupied two whole days, ending with a verdict for the Board. Mr. Haigh applied for a new trial, which the Judge refused.

We believe Mr. Haigh intends taking action against the Board for damages, on account of being ejected from the hotel, as manager, before the time he claims his contract with them terminated.

FOREIGN NEWS.

England is making great preparations for defending her interests in Egypt. A strong fleet under Admiral Seymour is daily being sent him. Some 5,000 native Indian troops and 1,800 British soldiers, under Sir Herbert MacPherson, are to be sent to guard the line of the Suez canal. The French fleet, under Admiral Conrad, will support the British passively, unless provoked by some act or incident. The First English Army Corps will consist of 15,000 men. The situation, before actual hostilities, could not be more grave.—It is stated the coronation of the Czar of Russia will be postponed till 1883.—Some arrests have been made in connection with the Dublin murders.—The Rev. Carr Glyn was married, on Tuesday, to Lady Mary Campbell, in the presence of a distinguished company.—Cetywayo's visit to England, the Colonial Secretary says, will be followed by his restoration to the throne of Zululand.—A large number of Irish M.P's were "suspended" a few nights ago, and compelled to leave the House.—Parnell says his party will no longer oppose the Repression Bill.—A grand reception in commemoration of the Fourth was given at the Westminster Palace Hotel, London, on Tuesday. Over a thousand persons were present, including the Duke and Duchess of Sutherland and many distinguished persons.—Lord Mayor Dawson, of Dublin, has been reelected.—The race between Laycock and Boyd, on the Tees, England, was won by the former.—Statistics show 1,580 Americans or Irish-Americans in Dublin without visible occupation.—There is a rebellion in Muscat against the Imaum.—The insurgents in Uruguay have been dispersed.

THE production of pig iron in the United States is largely over 4,000,000 tons, worth more than eighty millions of money, and while our population is doubling every twenty-five or thirty years the iron product consumed per capita is much greater; indeed taking the past growth of iron making in the United States as the criterion, and in ten years more our pig iron production will be doubled and we will be making from one hundred and fifty to one hundred and sixty million dollars worth of iron—indeed there is no telling what this increase is going to be, since in the last two years we have discovered the fact, that, here in the South, where we have the ore, coal and limestone in close proximity, we can make iron as cheaply as they make it in England, less the difference in the cost of labor. Now, will not Tennessee wake up to the vast field of wealth, lying out in full view of our doors?—*Daily American.*

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

TENNESSEE.

On July 4th, four boys in a skiff on the river at Memphis, were frightened by a steamboat passing very near to them. Three jumped overboard, one of them being drowned.—Simon Hump, a well-known citizen and merchant of Memphis, committed suicide last week, owing, it is supposed, to embarrassed circumstances.—General Bate spoke recently for two and a-half hours at Jackson, to a very large and enthusiastic audience.—The Fourth of July was not observed in Chattanooga, for the first time in many years.—On July 3rd, at London, Charlie Kelso stabbed J. Mitchell in the breast, killing him instantly. Kelso is in custody.—Governor Hawkins and Secretary of State D. A. Nunn left for New York on Monday, for the purpose of affixing their signatures to the new bonds.—Governor Hawkins has commissioned Professor G. S. W. Crawford, of Blount County, as State Superintendent of Public Instruction, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Superintendent W. S. Doak. Mr. Crawford is a Presbyterian minister, and is 33 years of age.—The Knoxville city council has contracted for the erection of waterworks. They will be commenced on the 1st August, and completed in one year.—Mr. Robert Wallace lost two fine horses by lightning, recently, near Knoxville.—Representatives Whitthorne, of Tennessee, and Robeson, of New Jersey, had an interesting time in the House, accusing one another of falsehood, perjury, and several other kinds of rascality.

HOME.

Some hundreds of Russian Jews have landed at New York during the week.—Charles J. Guiteau was executed at Washington Jail on June 30th, for the murder of President Garfield. The assassin's body was buried within the jail, but has since been removed to the Army Medical Museum where a *post mortem* examination was made. The brain showed no external evidence of disease or lesion.—The Mississippi is two feet nine inches above the danger line at St. Louis.—Four children have been fatally poisoned at Burlington, Vt., by eating green currants.—About 20,000 laborers gave Davitt a reception in Union Square, New York, last Wednesday.—The Fourth was observed very quietly in New York. An unusually large number of pistol and gunpowder accidents were reported.—The steamers *Scioto* and *John Louis* collided in the river Ohio three miles below Stubenville, on Tuesday night. The former vessel was sunk in fifteen feet of water. About seventy bodies have been recovered.—The Malley boys have been acquitted.—Colonel Noah Orr, the giant, was buried at Marysville, O. He was seven feet and two inches high, and at his heaviest weighed 556 pounds.—J. C. Bancroft Davis has resigned his post of Assistant Secretary of State. Mr. Jno. Davis, his nephew, will succeed him.—A colored girl, aged fourteen years, has been sentenced to be hanged at Petersburg, Va., for double murder.—It is a question which is the greater fool, Dr. Hicks or Guiteau.—The American Base Ball Association has decided to employ official umpires, who will travel with the clubs.—The *Nevada* brought 922 Mormon proselytes to New York, last Sunday.—More than three hundred persons have already been killed this year by tornadoes.—Three million five hundred thousand bushels of corn were sold within thirty minutes on call in Chicago, on Thursday.—Minister Lowell has not resigned his post at the Court of St. James', as reported.—A convention of colored editors has been recently held in Washington, D.C.